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SUBJECT: IAEA RESEARCH ON SAFEGUARDS FOR CHEMICAL
REPROCESSING
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1. IN RESPONSE TO WALIGURA QUERY ON USG VIEWS REGARDING
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE CRP ON SAFEGUARDS INSTRUMENTATION
AND MEASUREMENT TECHNOLOGY IN REPROCESSING PLANTS,
YOU MAY INFORM HIM THAT WE BELIEVE PARTICIPATION IN CRP
SHOULD BE BASED ON A COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO
SAFEGUARDS R&D RELEVANT TO REPROCESSING PLANTS. CANADA
HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY,
I.E. IN JOINT WORK WITH US ON SAFEGUARDS TECHNOLOGY FOR
CANDU REACTORS. MOREOVER, AS REPORTED REFTEL PARA 7, CANADA
IS PLANNING FURTHER R&D IN THIS AREA AND IS CONSIDERING
LARGE MORE GENERAL PROGRAM OF SAFEGUARDS TECHNICAL SUPPORT.
IN OUR VIEW, THEREFORE, CANADA HAS LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN
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PARTICIPATING IN CRP AND WE SUPPORT THEIR PARTICIPATION.
IF THE CRITERIA OF CONTRIBUTION TO SAFEGUARDS R&D IS USED
TO JUSTIFY PARTICIPATION, THEN WE DO NOT THINK THAT
ARGENTINA OR PAKISTAN COULD CLAIM THAT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION
SET A PRECEDENT FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION.

2. FYI. FRANK HOUCK DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH WALIGURA

DURING HIS VISIT TO VIENNA IN MARCH.

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